

# ABSTRACT

A micro-optic polarization beam multiplexing system has collimating means for introducing a first pair of polarization-perpendicular input beams, collimating means  
5 for introducing a second pair of polarization-perpendicular input beams, a polarization beam combiner for combining the first pair and the second pair of input beams into a first combined light beam with wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and a second combined light beam with wavelength  $\lambda_2$ , and a filter for multiplexing  
10 the first combined light beam and the second combined light beam into an output beam with wavelengths  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . The micro-optic system can also be used inversely for de-multiplexing an input beam with wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and wavelength  $\lambda_2$  into a first de-multiplexed light beam with wavelength  $\lambda_1$   
15 and a de-multiplexed light beam with wavelength  $\lambda_2$ , and then splitting them into two pairs of polarization-perpendicular beams.